Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 97

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 149—Relative to Post No. 1747 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 149, Aanestad. Post No. 1747 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 70 the Post No. 1747 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway.

The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs or markers, designating that specified portion of State Highway Route 70 the Post No. 1747 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers.

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars traces its roots back to 1899 and the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection; and

WHEREAS, In that year, local groups were founded to secure rights and benefits for those who had served their country in foreign conflicts, including the American Veterans of Foreign Service in Columbus, Ohio, and the Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines, in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 1901, the Philippine veterans in Altoona and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, founded the Philippine War Veterans; and the following year, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, became the home of the American Veterans of the Philippine and China Wars; and

WHEREAS, In 1905 these three distinguished Pennsylvania groups merged with the American Veterans of Foreign Service; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, the American Veterans of Foreign Service was amalgamated with the Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines, and became the Army of the Philippine-Cuba and Puerto Rico, and that group subsequently became the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In November 1929, under authority of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post No. 1747 was organized in the City of Oroville, California; and

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WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, and Post No. 1747 in Oroville has diligently sought to protect the rights of California's veterans for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting and proper that the efforts of Post No. 1747 be memorialized by designating that portion of State Highway Route 70 from Pacific Heights/Georgia Way to the westbound ramp to Garden Drive that runs near the Headquarters of Post No. 1747, as Post No. 1747 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates that portion of State Highway Route 70 from Pacific Heights/Georgia Way to the westbound ramp to Garden Drive as the Post No. 1747 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs or markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing those special designations, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.